

Live the Jubilee!

Saint Curé d'Ars,
make us saints!

1st November
2024



1st November.
2025



SUMMARY

THIS IS TOO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY!.....	3
WELCOME TO THE SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY CURE OF ARS!	5
DID YOU SAY "JUBILEE"?.....	7
HOW TO LIVE MY JUBILEE JOURNEY?	9
CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN THE PLENARY INDULGENCE	11
JUBILEE COURSE ARS 2025	12
PRAYERS WITH THE HOLY PARISH PRIEST OF ARS.....	22
SANCTUARY PLAN	26
DISCOVERING THE SANCTUARY	27

THIS IS TOO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY!



In 2025, Pope Francis is marking the universal jubilee of 2025 years since the birth of Jesus Christ the Savior by calling on all Christians to live as “witnesses of Hope.” The same year, on Saturday 31 May, we celebrate the centenary of the canonization of Jean-Marie Vianney, Curé d’Ars.

A banal... extraordinary

Jean-Marie Vianney was a “simple priest” in a tiny and quite commonplace village. One could argue that there is nothing extraordinary (as St. Theresa of Lisieux would say 40 years later). But it is precisely a simple priest who loved Christ in the total gift of his life, to God and to men. Becoming a parish priest against his will, he was an untiring servant, praying tirelessly to the point of making it his breathing. Available to all, obedient to his bishop and equally to the demands of reality, even to promoting the education of girls, the transformation of the lives of employees, the renewal of the life of the village simply by tirelessly calling to come and honor the Lord on Sunday, by devoting himself to a kind of *martyrdom of the confessional*, and never leaving his eternal smile, his kindness, his benevolence without erasing either justice or right. It remains “*for all countries, an unparalleled model, both of the accomplishment of the ministry and of the holiness of the minister, given to prayer and penance for the conversion of souls*”¹. His secret, not even hidden, was his union with God and the choice of offering himself totally to the Lord in thanksgiving; he who considered himself so unworthy to celebrate the Eucharist and consumed himself in love for all, whom no annoyance put off, and whom unjust (even slanderous) quips against him prompted to pray for his detractors. This is what he meant by “*Winning souls for God*”! ... We can then understand that the demon (called “grappling hook”) hated him irremediably and never let him sleep peacefully.

This can then be an opportunity for every Christian and for every priest to rediscover the treasure that the Lord has given to his whole Church, more than 200 years² ago, which remains “*patron saint of the priests of France*”³, then given as “*patron saint of all the curés urbi and orbi*”⁴.

¹ Pope John Paul II on his visit, the Speech to the Priests at Notre-Dame de Paris, 1980. Redit on 6 and 7 October 1986 in Ars and Lyon-Satolas.

² Jean-Marie Vianney was born on 8 May 1786; the bicentenary of his birth was the occasion of the arrival of Pope John Paul II in Ars on 6 and 7 October 1986.

³ Pope Saint Pius X, April 12, 1905.

⁴ Pope Pius XI, April 23, 1929.

What do people come to Ars to seek?

In comparison: in Lourdes, in the presence of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ the Savior, pilgrims come to seek a Mother, her sweetness and the care of the sick. In Ars, one could say that by coming near Jean-Marie Vianney, they come to look for the priest, his paternal look as a pastor, and the divine Mercy that overflows from it. *"The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus,"* said the Curé d'Ars. The unique priesthood of Christ is thus brought close to each one by the priest who comes to meet him. Mercy, which made Christ tremble and moved him before the crowds without a shepherd, is thus made available to each parishioner and each pilgrim, regardless of their state of life in this world.



God gives: what God has done in Jean-Marie Vianney is a particular grace in a particular time, in a particular era. It seems that times have changed; man's heart remains the same. Now, it is the divine Charity irrigating the heart of the Curé d'Ars that has made him such a servant of the Faith and the Gospel. It will therefore be the same for us today: *"Let the priests not forget it: they are never alone in their action, they rely on the strength of Almighty God; let their Faith in Christ, who called them to participate in His priesthood, help them to give themselves in confidence to their ministry, for they know that God is powerful enough to increase Charity⁵ in them."*

There lies the treasure! Jean-Marie Vianney shows us this daily. By coming on pilgrimage today, may you live from this grace!

Father Rémi Griveaux,
parish priest of Ars



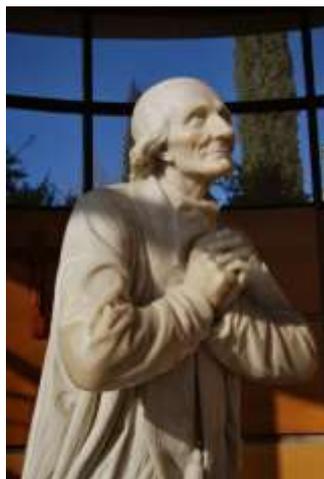
⁵ Vatican Council II, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, § 22.

WELCOME TO THE SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY CURE OF ARS!

A universal call to holiness

"I will show you the way to Heaven," Jean-Marie Vianney replied to the small shepherd who showed him the road to Ars. He invites everyone to take the path of the Lord, the means of union with God, here below, and for eternity; in two words: to become holy!

Who is Saint John Marie Vianney?



Born on May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, into a family of farmers, Jean-Marie Vianney began at the age of 20 to prepare for the priesthood with the Abbé Balley, parish priest of Écully.

Ordained a priest in 1815, he was appointed to Ars in 1818. From his arrival, he made his church his dwelling. Night and day, before the tabernacle, he prays to the Lord for the conversion of his parishioners. Gradually, he awakens their Faith through his preaching, but above all through his prayer and his witness. He restores and embellishes his church, founds an orphanage - "La Providence" - to take care of poor children.

At the heart of his parish, a social man

He seeks to take into account the man in all his dimensions (human, spiritual, social). In order to allow everyone to be free and happy, he will never cease to help, assist, soothe the sufferings or wounds, to bring comfort to the poorest and the sick... He is also an indefatigable builder: orphanage, schools, chapels, church, etc.

A priest totally given to God, to his parishioners and to the pilgrims, he dies on August 4, 1859. His body, exhumed in 1902 for his beatification, is found intact. He is canonized on May 31, 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

At the heart, the Eucharist



"He is there!" exclaims the holy Curé as he looks at the tabernacle. A man of the Eucharist, celebrated and adored: "There is nothing greater than the Eucharist." Giving God to men and men to God, the Mass very quickly becomes the heart of his days and his pastoral work.

A man of prayer

Long moments before the tabernacle, from early morning, a true intimacy with God, a total abandonment to his will, a transfigured face..., all elements that touch those who

perceive the depth of his life of prayer. It is his great joy and the place of a true friendship with God: "I love you, O my God"...

His reputation as a confessor attracts many pilgrims seeking forgiveness and peace from him. Assailed by many trials, he keeps his heart rooted in the love of God and his brothers. His catechisms and homilies speak above all of the goodness and Mercy of God.

Martyr of the confessional



From 1830, thousands of people came to Ars to confess to him (more than 80,000 in 1858); he spent, at the end of his days, more than 17 hours a day in his confessional to reconcile men with God and with each other. Caught in the love of God, marveled at the vocation of man, he measures the madness of being separated from God.

Haunted by the salvation of men

Perhaps this is what best summarizes what the Holy Curé was during his 41 years of presence in Ars: haunted by the salvation of souls, especially those who come to him or for whom he is responsible; that everyone may taste the joy of knowing God and loving him, and of knowing that they are loved by Him...

Patron of all priests in the universe

Beatified in 1905, he was declared, on April 12 of that same year, "*patron of the priests of France*" by Saint Pius X. In 1929, four years after his canonization, Pope Pius XI declared him "*patron of all parish priests of the universe*", of the world "Urbi et Orbi".

Pope John Paul II, who came on pilgrimage to Ars in 1986, will say nothing else in recalling three times: "*The Curé d'Ars remains, for all countries, an unparalleled model, both of the fulfillment of the ministry and of the holiness of the minister.*"

DID YOU SAY "JUBILEE"?

What is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a particular time of grace offered by God, to rejoice in an important anniversary in the life of the Church. In the Old Testament, at the Lord's request, it was celebrated every 50 years. Since God grants grace, it was important that Israel could live this grace in a consecrated time, and in a new way of living: this time corresponded to very concrete debt remissions and allowed to recover one's goods.

Today, a Jubilee is celebrated every "25 years", based on the Incarnation of Christ in the year "zero". The custom arose in the 13th century. This time opens us up to the riches of divine Mercy: his love and forgiveness are widely offered to us to regain full communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, and thus taste the joy of a springing, completely renewed life.

Why a jubilee in Ars?

In 1925, the canonization of the Curé d'Ars took place. Saint Jean-Marie Vianney was officially recognized as a saint for the whole Church, given as a model to all. One hundred years later, we rejoice in this always current and living gift. And just as he had *shown the way to Heaven* to his parishioners, so we ask him to lead us on the same path and to make us saints. "*Saint Curé d'Ars, make us saints!*" has naturally become the theme of this jubilee year.



What is the link with the Jubilee of Hope?

In 2025, in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the canonization of Jean-Marie Vianney, the Sanctuary of Ars will be part of the universal Jubilee desired by the Pope in a particular way. A Jubilee squared for us! And the two complement each other admirably, since advancing on the *path to Heaven* is to be a "pilgrim of Hope".



What is plenary indulgence? See conditions p. 11

The *plenary indulgence* is a grace offered by God. It is the indulgence of God. It is not linked to our merits, it is a pure gratuitous gift of divine Mercy to those who have prepared themselves. It is a manifestation of God's merciful love "*which sweeps everything in its path*" (Saint J.-M. Vianney).

In the sacrament of forgiveness, sin is forgiven. But there remains what is called the "temporal punishment" due to sin. This refers to the disorder caused by sin, a disorder that requires reparation and purification.

That is why the forgiven sinner performs a "penance" after receiving the sacramental forgiveness, in order to contribute, with the grace given to him, to the reparation in God's work.

The plenary indulgence completely frees from the temporal punishment due for the sin whose fault has already been erased. This is what Pope Francis explained during the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: "Despite forgiveness, our life is marked by contradictions that are the consequence of our sins. In the sacrament of reconciliation, God forgives sins, and they are truly erased, yet the negative imprint of sins remains in our behaviors and thoughts. However, God's Mercy is stronger than this. It becomes the indulgence of the Father who reaches out to the forgiven sinner through the Bride of Christ, and frees him from all that remains of the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with Charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin" (Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, Indicative Bubble of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, No. 22).



HOW TO LIVE MY JUBILEE JOURNEY?

Find the plan p. 26

Here is the jubilee journey (also integrated into the path on p. 12) that we propose to you, with steps to live it fruitfully and widely open your heart to the graces of this jubilee, particularly the grace of the plenary indulgence (cf. below).



1 - Pass through the entrance door as a pilgrim, praying the Our Father: *with Christ, pass from death to Life*

Deposit your intentions and receive a phrase from the Holy Curé about Hope. *Chapel of Angels (No. 3 on the plan - 1st chapel on the left).*

2 - Receive the sacrament of penance and reconciliation: *immerse yourself in God's Mercy*

At Ars or in the days surrounding my passage through Ars. [confessions from 9:20 am to 12:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm]. *Ecce Homo Chapel (No. 3 on the plan - 1st chapel on the right) or confessional at the entrance of the basilica at the back on the right.*

3 - Participate in the Eucharist and receive communion: *let yourself be loved and nourished by God*

[weekdays at 8:45, 11:00 or 18:00 - Sundays at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 or 18:00] *Basilica or Church of Our Lady of Mercy (N°5 on the map).*



4 - Live a time of prayer, in union with the universal Church: enter into friendship with God and the communion of saints

- Pray to Mary: invocation, rosary... [rosary every day at 5 p.m. except Sunday] *Chapel of the Virgin (N°3 on the map - 2nd right chapel).*

+ Pray near the Holy Curé of Ars (Act of Love) *Chapel of the reliquary (No. 3 on the plan - 1st chapel on the right after the sacristy).*

+ Pray the *I believe in God* received from the Apostles *In front of the major altar (plan No. 3).*

+ Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father *Heart Chapel (No. 15 on the plan).*

5 - Perform a concrete act of charity: live and witness God's love

I choose in Ars the gesture I will perform [visit to a sick person, gesture of reconciliation, donation to the needy, patience and special attention to someone...].

A commemorative image of your personal journey is available at the sacristy or at the Welcome desk.



CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

To obtain the plenary indulgence, it is necessary to be baptized (norm 17 § 1).

And also, in addition to excluding any attachment to sin, even venial, it is required to accomplish the indulgenced work [the proposed approach in Ars] and fulfill three conditions:

1 – Sacramental confession,

2 – Eucharistic communion,

3 – Prayer for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff (norm 20 § 1).

This can be received once per day, for oneself or for a deceased person, but not for another living person (norm 3).

You can also:

- To discover the places where the Curé d'Ars prayed and lived: his church, his presbytery (see p. 27 "Discovering the sanctuary").

- Entrust your priests to the Holy Curé at the Chapel of the Heart (*No. 15 on the plan*).

- Take a time of silent prayer at the chapel of Providence, and pray especially for priestly vocations (*No. 13 on the map*).

- At The Monument of the Encounter (15 minutes from the Sanctuary), find the place where J.-M. Vianney met the little shepherd (*N°7 on the map*).

There are also several other spiritual paths to deepen your approach to the school of the Holy Curé (*Information at the welcome desk - N°10 on the map*).



JUBILEE COURSE ARS 2025

*"To those who are called to be saints,
grace and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Rm 1:7)*

Introduction to the path

"So you will be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). These words of Christ resonate like a promise.

God created us in his image and according to his likeness (Gn 1:27). His desire is to make us participate through a free gift in his own holiness. God wants to make us saints! Yet in our heart, many desires inhabit us. Do they come from God? From our ambition? From our image, from what our perfection should be? ... Or perhaps we are suffocating our desires?

We invite you through this path to welcome the joy of God and the joy God gives us: to respond to the call to live with God and from God, that is, to be saints. At each stage, let us take time to listen to His Word, which today invites us to take one more step on the path of holiness.

"When we take the holy Scriptures in hand with Faith and read them with the Church, man returns to walk with God in paradise." (Saint Ambrose of Milan)

Plan of the Sanctuary (p. 26)

† In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen!

1st step: God's Desire and Human Desire

Well of the Holy Curé's House (No. 4 on the plan)



• From the Gospel according to Saint John (4: 5-9)

"Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is

it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."

- For Meditation

"What happiness do we await and desire? Not a fleeting joy, an ephemeral satisfaction that, once achieved, always demands more in a spiral of covetousness where the human soul is never satisfied but always more empty. We need a happiness that is definitively accomplished in what flourishes us, that is, in love, so that we can say, even now: *I am loved, therefore I exist; and I will always exist in the love that does not disappoint and from which nothing and no one can ever separate me* (cf. Rm 8:38-39)."

(Pope Francis, excerpt from the Jubilee 2025 indicator bubble)

-With the Holy Curé of Ars

"God has given our heart desires so vast and so extended that nothing created is capable of satisfying it." (*Sermons "Sanctification of the Christian" I-128*)

- Areas for reflection

Why am I here in Ars? What is my expectation? What is my desire?

I can entrust the Lord, in my heart, with all the questions about my life, my concerns, my worries. And what is it that you, my God, want to give me today?

- Gesture

Lean over the well to read what is written at the bottom.

Then go to the Lantern of church candles, passing through the garden, while meditating.

2nd step: God comes to meet his beloved creature

Lantern of church candles, towards the steps in front of the church (N°8 on the map)



- From the Gospel according to Saint John (4:10-15)

"Jesus answered the Samaritan woman, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst

again, and whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; but the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

- For Meditation

"God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. You are loved infinitely, in all circumstances. You can throw yourself with confidence into the arms of your divine Father, of this God who gave you life and who gives it to you at every moment. He will support you firmly and at the same time you will feel that he respects your freedom to the end. You are priceless: you must always repeat this to yourself: I am not for sale, I have no price. I am free, I am free! Be enamored with this freedom, which is the one Jesus offers." (Pope Francis, excerpt from *Christus vivit (He lives, Christ!)*, post-synodal exhortation, 2019)

-With the Holy Curé of Ars

Jean-Marie Vianney had noticed that an old peasant would come to pray daily in the church. One day, he asked him what he said to the Good Lord. The old man responded in the local dialect: « J'l'aveuse, pel'm'aveuse »; which translates to: "I watch Him, and He watches me". This term of "aveuser" is characteristic of the gesture of the farmer who takes the earth of his field in the hollow of his hand, to better look at it, touch it, in order to know its richness and its possible fertility.

- Areas for reflection

We have just seen, with the Holy Curé, this discourse where two people exchange face to face, "esteeming" each other reciprocally... Leaning on the Faith of the Holy Curé of Ars, do I care to deepen my friendship with God, to know Him better?

Am I grateful for Your presence by my side, Lord?

Do I receive my life from You, Lord? Do I receive myself and receive others with wonder?

- Gesture

If possible, kneel down, and look towards the crucifix while repeating in one's heart: "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty again; and the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

I entrust to the Holy Curé a prayer intention that I particularly carry on this day; I can write it in the notebook provided for this purpose near the door.

Then I go in front of the church.



3rd Stage: OPENING ONE'S HEART TO GOD'S CALL THAT CAN REVEAL OUR POVERTY

Entrance door and station at the shrine.
(N°12 on the map)



While **passing through the Entrance Door** of this church where the Holy Curé welcomed so many with kindness and offered the sacrament of reconciliation, I pray the *Our Father*, I take a phrase from the Holy Curé about Hope and go towards the shrine where Saint Jean-Marie Vianney rests.

- From the Gospel according of St. John (4, 16-21,23-26)

"Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [...] But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

- For Meditation

"God awaits us, He only waits for us to grant Him that tiny ray of light so that He can act in us, with His forgiveness, with His grace. Only the one who has been touched, caressed by the tenderness of Mercy, truly knows the Lord. That is why I often repeat that the place where the encounter with the Mercy of Jesus takes place is my sin. When we have experienced the embrace of Mercy, when we allow ourselves to be embraced, when we are moved, then life can change, because we are trying to respond to this immense and unforeseen gift that, in the eyes of men, can seem "unjust" because of its overabundance. We are faced with a God who knows our sins, our betrayals, our denials, our misery. And yet, He is there waiting for us, to give Himself entirely to us, to lift us up."

"The important thing in the life of every man and woman is not the fact of never falling along the way. The important thing is to always get back up, not to stay on the ground licking one's own wounds. The Lord of Mercy always forgives me; He therefore offers me the possibility to always start again. He loves me for who I am, He wants to relieve me, He extends his hand to me."

(Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*, conversation with A. Tornielli, Robert Laffont, 2016, excerpts).

-With the Holy Curé of Ars

"The saints did not all start well, but they all ended well. We started badly, let us end well!"
(Spirit 63, de la Bastie Annales 1910, 312, Sermons "Holiness" IV 143)

"It is beautiful to think that we have a sacrament that heals the wounds of our soul"
(Spirit 170)

- Areas for reflection

Am I like a poor man who begs for everything he needs before You, Lord?

["Man is a poor man who needs to ask God for everything" (Saint John-Marie Vianney).] Do I have a greater awareness of Your infinite Mercy, more than of my own misery?

Do I know how to give thanks for the fact that You reach me in my fragility and fill my poverty with Your love? What can I praise You for... give You thanks for today?

Thank you... Forgive me... Please... I love You!

- Gesture

Prepare to receive the *sacrament of forgiveness* (leaflet available near the confessionals), or pray *the act of contrition*.

Pray the *Act of Love* of the Holy Curé (p. 22) before the reliquary.

Before leaving, stop in front of *the main altar* where the twelve Apostles are depicted and pray the Creed.

Exit through the choir door to go to the next step at the *Chapel of the Heart*.

4th Stage: LETTING ONESELF BE TRANSFORMED INTO A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE

Chapel of the Heart
(No. 15 on the map)



- From the Gospel according to St. John (4, 28-30,39-42)

"So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

- For Meditation

"The Lord wants us to be saints. The crowd of saints protects me, supports me and carries me. There are witnesses who are useful to encourage and motivate us, but not for us to copy. What matters is that each believer discerns their own path and brings to light the best of themselves, what the Lord has deposited truly personal in them and that they do not exhaust themselves by imitating something that was not thought for them. What matters is that each believer discerns their own path and brings to light the best of themselves, what the Lord has deposited truly personal in them and that they do not exhaust themselves by imitating something that was not thought for them. The Lord will accomplish it even in the midst of your errors and bad passes, provided that you do not abandon the path of love and that you remain always open to his supernatural action that purifies and illuminates."

(Pope Francis, Extract from *Gaudete et Exsultate*, apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in the modern world, 2018)

-With the Holy Curé of Ars

"Seek a true love that does not manifest itself externally through effects, you will not find one." (*The Voice of the Good Shepherd*, 1861, 10)

- Areas for reflection

Does being a Christian change things in my life?

Have I truly discovered that "living with God", "in accord with God", makes one grow and makes happy?

What images do I have of God, images that would probably need to be transformed, evangelized?

What testimony have I missed? To what testimony are you calling me, Lord

- Gesture

I take a moment to give thanks for the call to holiness on the path of my vocation and I pray: Thank you my God for the vocation to which you call me each day.

Help me to be more attentive and more generous in responding to your calls. Enlighten me, guide me.

Lord Jesus, You whose Heart is only "gift", give us holy priests, holy Christian families, holy religious and consecrated persons in our family, our parish, our diocese... Lord Jesus, thank you for the life of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney.

Thank you for the priests you raise up, to give us your grace and guide us.

I thank you for the priest(s) of my parish, for my bishop, for our pope.

For all the priests I have encountered on my life's path, living or deceased, I pray to you, Lord: grant them an superabundance of your grace through the intercession of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney

I can write the names of the priests in the register and finish by praying for the intentions of Pope Francis, displayed in the Heart Chapel. Then, I go to the next stage – the Providence Chapel – praying the *Hail Mary*.

5TH STEP: MY LIFE BRINGS JOY TO THE LORD

*Chapel of Providence
(N°13 on the map)*



I begin by kneeling, if I can, and I pray: Lord Jesus, I welcome Your Eucharistic Presence.

I expose and offer myself to Your Presence.

I give thanks for the Eucharist of this day.

I am happy to be able to delight Your Heart by offering my poor heart.

- From the Gospel according to Saint John (4, 27,31-34)

"Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work."

- For Meditation

"How sweet it is to be in front of a crucifix, or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply be under his gaze! How good it does us when he comes to touch our existence and pushes us to communicate his new life! Consequently, what ultimately happens is that

'what we have seen and heard, we proclaim' (1 Jn 1,3). The best motivation for deciding to communicate the Gospel is to contemplate it with love, to linger on its pages and to read it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty surprises us, and seduces us each time. Therefore, it is urgent to rediscover a contemplative spirit, which allows us to rediscover each day that we are the custodians of a good that humanizes, that helps to lead a new life. There is nothing better to transmit to others."

(Excerpts from Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Apostolic exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world, 2013)

-With the Holy Curé of Ars

"It's beautiful to be able to please God, small as we are." (Esprit 24, Monnin 429)

- Areas for reflection

What Gospel words, received since the beginning of this journey, remain with me and mark me?

What do I retain? What reactions do they provoke in me?

Which phrase touched me? I can stay with it and meditate on it, "ruminate" it...

I repeat it internally, softly, several times, I memorize it. I can write it down.

With what gift, what grace do you want me to leave, Lord?

With this new life received, as a thanksgiving: to make my life a "I love you" for you, my God!

- Gesture

In response to what I have discovered, I can pray and commit to making a concrete act of charity, reconciliation, and write this response:

Lord Jesus, You have spoken to me. In turn, I want to respond to You.

Thank you for...

You have made me discover...

You have enlightened me about...

You are asking me to...

With the help of Your Spirit of strength, I want to commit to...

To finish

Jubilee prayer
(see p **Erreur ! Signet non défini.**)

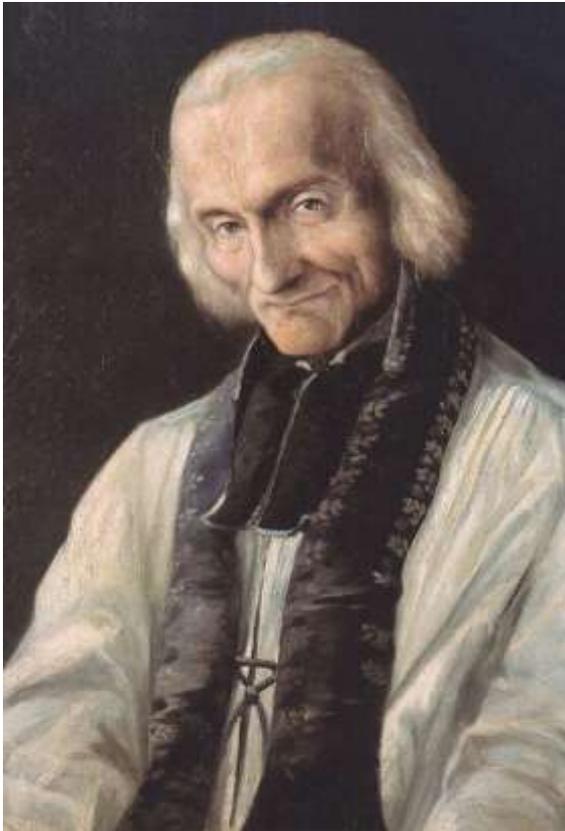
Holy Curé of Ars,
make us saints!

† In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen!



PRAYERS WITH THE HOLY PARISH PRIEST OF ARS

Act of love of the Holy Curé of Ars



I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life.

I love you, O infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you than live a single moment without loving you.

I love you, O my God, and I desire Heaven only to have the happiness of loving you perfectly.

I love you, O my God, and I fear Hell only because one will never have the sweet consolation of loving you there.

O my God, if my tongue cannot say at every moment that I love you, at least I want my heart to repeat it to you as many times as I breathe.

Ah! Grant me the grace to suffer while loving you, to love you while suffering, and to expire one day while loving you and feeling that I love you.

And the closer I get to my end, the more I beg you to increase my love and perfect it. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Curé

Holy Curé of Ars, you made your life an undivided offering to God for the service of men. May the Holy Spirit, through your intercession, lead us today to respond, without fail, to our personal vocation.

You were nourished by Christ's Word. Teach us to receive it daily in the Holy Scriptures, to carry it faithfully and tirelessly to men in the announcement of the Good News.

You were a diligent worshiper of Christ at the tabernacle. Teach us to approach the Eucharist with faith and respect, to taste the silent presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

You have been the friend of sinners. You said to them: "Your faults are like a grain of sand compared to the great mountain of God's mercy." Untie the bonds of fear that sometimes

hold us back from God's forgiveness. Discover the true face of the Father who tirelessly awaits the return of the prodigal son. Increase our gratitude and increase our repentance for our faults.

You were support to the poor: "*My secret is very simple, it's to give everything and keep nothing.*" Teach us to share with those in need; set us free from money and all false riches.

You were a loving son of the Virgin Mary, "*your deepest affection.*" Teach us to turn to her with the simplicity and trust of a child.

You have become the exemplary witness of the priests of the universe in your person and in your ministry. May your pastoral charity lead pastors to seek unity with all, safeguarding against preference for some. Give them love for the Church, apostolic zeal, courage in trials. Inspire in young people the greatness of the priestly ministry and the joy of responding to the call of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Curé of Ars, be our intercessor with God. Obtain for us what we ask You [specify here a particular request], You who are the humble and faithful pastor, tireless in the service of God and men. Amen.

Bishop Guy-Marie Bagnard & Bishop Pascal Roland



Prayer of the Young

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, show me the "*road to heaven,*" the road to life with God.

Give me the happiness of loving Jesus, of living united to Him, and of making Him loved, by announcing the Good News of His death and Resurrection.

Teach me to love the sacraments of the Eucharist and forgiveness, more and more. That's where I'm going to meet Jesus and receive his love.

Make me discover that the Gospel is a guide to love and serve others with joy, especially the poorest.

Since you are a model for all priests, I pray for them, especially for those I know: may they be good pastors like you!

Holy Curé d'Ars, make the desire to be a saint grow in me. Amen.

Prayer for vocations

Lord Jesus, guide and shepherd of your people, you have raised up in your Church Saint John Mary Vianney, Curé of Ars. Be blessed for the holiness of his life and the admirable fruitfulness of his ministry.

With perseverance and humble patience, he overcame all obstacles on the paths of priesthood. As a priest, he drew from the Eucharistic celebration, silent adoration, and the Gospel, the ardor of his pastoral charity and the dynamism of his apostolic zeal.

Through its intercession:

- Touch the hearts of young people; may they find in the example of his life the momentum to follow You, with the same courage, without looking back.
- Renew the hearts of priests; may they attach themselves to You with fervor and depth. May they build the unity of communities on the Eucharist, the Word of God, forgiveness, in fraternal charity.
- Strengthen Christian families, homes of evangelical life, that they especially support those of their children whom You have called.

Even today, Lord, send workers into your harvest so that the evangelical challenges of our time may be met. Amen.

Prayer for priests

Lord Jesus, with Saint John Mary Vianney, we entrust to you all the priests we know, all those we have met, all those who have helped us, all those whom you give to us today as spiritual guides.

Father, teach us simply to love them, to respect them, and to receive them as a gift that comes from Your hand, so that together we can live in Your infinite Love.

You have called each one by name, we praise You and we beg You for each one. Keep them faithful to Your Name, You who have consecrated them to announce the Good News, and that in Your Name, they may be our pastors full of zeal and charity.

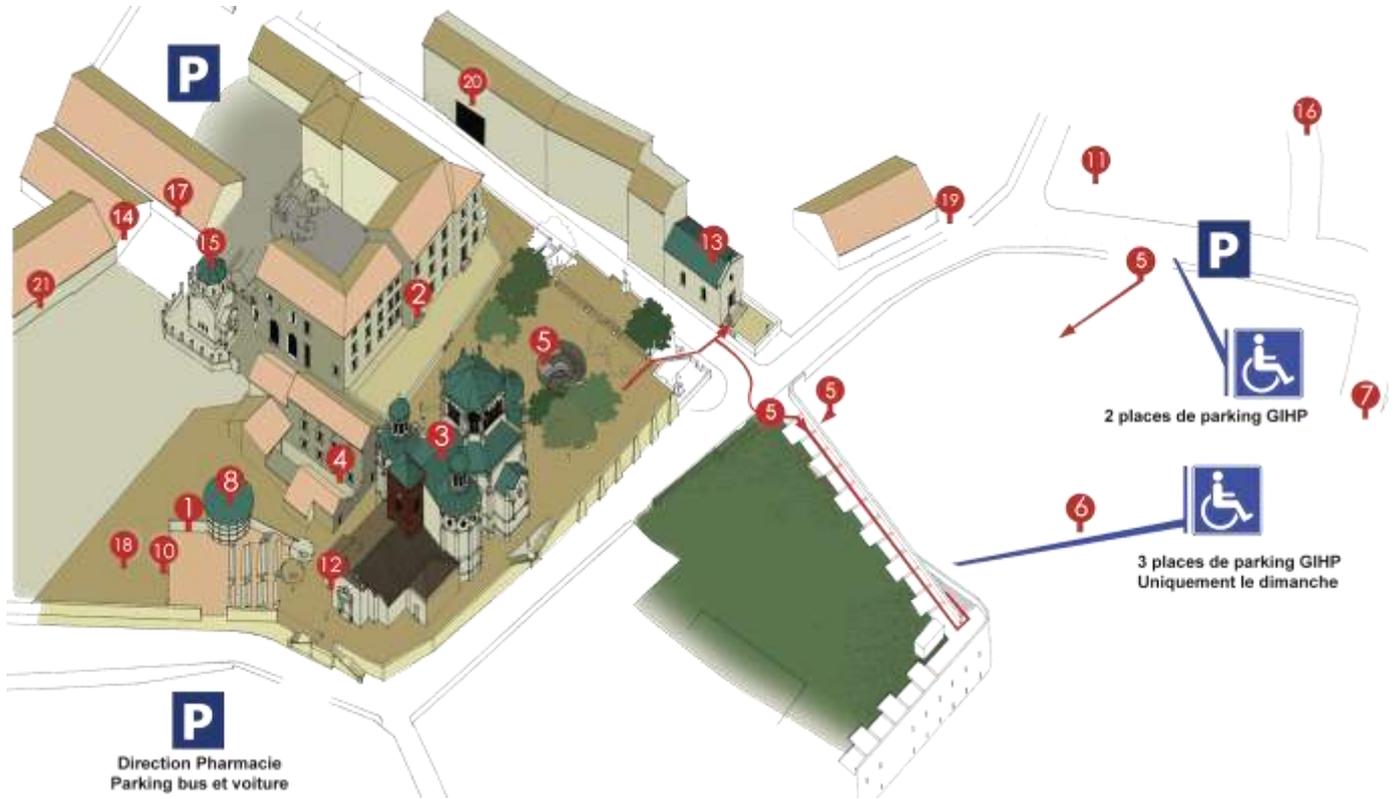
Give them strength, confidence, and joy to fulfil their mission. May the Eucharist they celebrate nourish them and give them the courage to offer themselves with You for Your sheep.

May they be immersed in Your heart of mercy to be tireless witnesses of Your forgiveness.

May they be Your true adorers and teach us the true path of holiness; so that, animated by the breath of Your Spirit, we may be disciple-missionaries of Your Son Jesus, collaborators in Your work for the salvation of the world. Amen.

You can write the name of the priest(s) for whom you wish to pray in the notebook of the Chapel of the Heart.

SANCTUARY PLAN



DISCOVERING THE SANCTUARY

1 Home -

Several proposals:

- ✓ Guided tour by reservation.
- ✓ 2 videos to discover the sanctuary: "The life of the holy Curé d'Ars" (15min in French or 52min in several languages)"The way to heaven: Ars today" (30min in French).
- ✓ Audio guide in multiple languages.
- ✓ Have a mass celebrated for your intentions.
- ✓ 4 Spiritual journeys.
- ✓ Discovery game and cultural tour for children and adults.

2 Current Presbytery: Current Presbytery: Formerly Hotel Notre-Dame des Anges, it became the presbytery after the Saint Curé's death.

3 The Saint's church: When Abbé (Abbot) Vianney arrived in Ars, the twelfth-century church of Saint Sixtus had only one nave and one side chapel (that of the Virgin Mary). Gradually, he had other side chapels built and reconfigured the whole church. On the left is the pulpit where he preached; opposite, the small pulpit where he taught catechism. The most famous confessional is in the old sacristy; the former main altar is in the Saint John the Baptist chapel.

4 The Saint's House: Made available to him by Countess des Garets, the Curé of Ars returned all valuable furniture to her to remain in the same poverty as his parishioners. He lived there for 41 years; the house remains in the state it was at his death, especially his room. His personal objects are displayed there.

5 Esplanade Cross: Cross installed in July 1847 in memory of a mission.

& Access to the Church of Our Lady of Mercy (underground church): Built in 1959, awarded the "20th Century Heritage" label. "

6 In the meadow: Way of the Cross, Statue of the Saint & Altar.

7 The Monument of the Encounter: Jean-Marie Vianney, leaving his parish of Écully north of Lyon, arrives in Ars on February 9, 1818. Fog prevents him from seeing the village, and he asks a young shepherd boy, Antoine Givre, for directions to the village. He

then tells him: "You have shown me the way to Ars, I will show you the way to Heaven." Antoine Givre had also indicated that the territory of the parish of Ars began where he was standing. The young priest then knelt to kiss the ground, signifying that he wholeheartedly welcomed the people entrusted to him by God. This encounter was immortalized by a bronze statue on the very spot.

8 The Lantern of church candles: It houses the famous statue of the Curé of Ars in prayer, created by sculptor Émilien Cabuchet, based on the small wax bust he had secretly molded in his hat during a catechism by the Saint.

Everyone can place their prayer intentions here, a candle, as a sign of prayer and confidence in his intercession.

10 Shop - Bookshop: Religious and liturgical objects, books, souvenirs,

11 The Cross of the Barrel: In 1840, the Curé of Ars made a first attempt to flee, not feeling up to his mission. He was stopped at the Cross of the Barrel by the villagers.

12 Holy Door: Built by the Curé of Ars.

13 Chapel & house "La Providence": In 1824, Jean-Marie Vianney asked Benoîte Lardet and Catherine Lassagne to open the house of "La Providence", which will accommodate girls, mainly orphans.

14 Pilgrim shelter & 17 Video room: Available during the day for pilgrim groups upon prior request at the welcome desk.

15 Chapel of the Heart: Built in 1930, this chapel contains the relic of the heart of the Holy Curé. A notebook is available for writing down the names of priests you wish to entrust to the Saint's intercession.

16 John Paul II Priests' Foyer: Built on the site of the marquee erected for the visit of Pope John Paul II, it hosts the international seminar of the Société Jean-Marie Vianney and a home for visiting priests.

18 Garden of the Saint: Upon his arrival, the Curé d'Ars finds a deserted parish. He will start by inviting the children to pick fruits, and to play and pray with him in his garden.

19 Wax Museum & Tourist Office: Through wax statues designed by Grevin, relive the highlights of the life of the holy Curé d'Ars with two exhibits for you to discover: 1. The major events that marked his century 2. Journey through 17 scenes of his life.

**O Father, you call each one to holiness
to stand before you in Love.
We thank you
for the example of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney,
the Holy Curé of Ars.
He allowed your grace to unfold in his weakness
and today he is a model and a support for
each of us.
To his prayer and like him,
may your Holy Spirit shape us more
in the likeness of your Son Jesus;
Make our hearts docile to the Holy Spirit,
so that they may let
themselves be guided
by your will of Love
wherever you send us
in the service of
our brothers.
By following in Hope
our own path,
with our poverty
and our wealth,
may we become
holymissionary disciples,
humble and joyful
witnesses of Heaven.
Amen!**

